

THE STATUTE

OF WINCHESTER,

Made 8 die Octobris, Anno 13 EDW. 1, Stat. 2, and Anno
Dom. 1285.

CAP. I.

Fresh Suit shall be made after Felons and Robbers from Town to Town, &c.

Forasmuch as from day to day Robberies, Murthers, Burnings, and Theft, be more often used than they have been heretofore, and Felons cannot be attainted by the Oath of Jurors, which had rather suffer Strangers to be robbed, and so pass without Pain, than to indite the Offenders, of whom great part be People of the same Country, or at the least, if the Offenders be of another Country, the Receivers be of Places near; (2) and they do the same, because an Oath is not *given unto Jurors of the same Country where such Felonies were done, and to the Restitution of Damages hitherto no Pain hath been limited for their Concealment and Laches: (3) Our Lord the King, for to abate the Power of Felons, hath established a Pein

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